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SUBJECT: OIL TRUCK DRIVERS RETURN TO WORK BUT NOT EVERYWHERE

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SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT HAS SECCEED IN GETTING OIL TRUCK DRIVERS BACK TO THEIR JOBS IN LAGOS AND OTHER PARTS OF NIGERIA, BUT STRIKE REPORTEDLY CONTINUES IN KWARA AND ELSEWHERE. IN ANY EVENT, DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING EXPORTS TO CHAD AND NIGER, WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO RETURN TO NORMAL. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING OIL COMPANY SOURCES, FMG PLACED ACTING MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE IN CHARGE OF RETURNING  
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OIL PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION TO NORMAL IN ENTIRE COUNTRY. HIS

FIRST PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN LAGOS AND IBADAN AREAS AND KANO AIRPORT WHERE CHARTERED AIRCRAFT ARE STILL RETURNING PILGRIMS FROM THE HAJJ. ALTHOUGH NO GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN ISSUED, MILITARY GOVERNMENT MADE ITS DESIRE FOR THE DRIVERS TO RETURN TO WORK ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, AT LEAST IN LAGOS AND PORTIONS OF WESTERN STATE. (ONE OFFICER ASKED THAT STRIKERS BE REMINDED THAT THE ARMY HAS MORE BULLETS THAN THERE ARE DRIVERS.)

2. RESULT IN LAGOS HAS BEEN ALMOST IMMEDIATE RETURN TO NORMAL DELIVERIES, AND TANK TRUCKS ARE REACHING VARIOUS POINTS IN WESTERN STATE INCLUDING IBADAN. DRIVERS STILL FEAR THREATENED BY STRIKERS IN KWARA STATE AND POSSIBLY NORTHERN STATES, SO TRUCKS HAVE NOT YET PROCEEDED NORTH OF ILORIN. OIL COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT INTEND TO SEND ARMED CONVOY TO THE NORTH, BUT COMPLICATED LOGISTICS HAVE SO FAR PREVENTED ITS DEPARTURE. JET FUEL HAS BEEN ENROUTE TO KANO BY RAIL FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT ONE TRAIN BROKE DOWN 250 MILES SHY OF ITS DESTINATION, AND STOCKS AT KANO AIRPORT ARE STILL INADEQUATE.

3. ELSEWHERE, ARMY OF POLICE PROTECTION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FOR THE OIL COMPANIES AMID UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF VIOLENCE INCLUDING DESTRUCTION OF TWO TANK TRUCKS IN MID-WEST STATE. DELIVERIES TO EASTERN STATES FROM PORT HARCOURT HAVE APPARENTLY CONTINUED AT NEAR NORMAL LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE STRIKE.

4. FMG HAS PROHIBITED EXPORTS UNTIL DOMESTIC SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL, DESPITE RELATIVELY HIGH STOCKS AT SOME EXPORT TERMINALS SUCH AS MAIDUGURI. EXPORT PROHIBITION MAINLY AFFECTS CHAD AND NIGER.  
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